

ARTICLES TO BE ENQUIRED OF, IN THE DIOCESAN

Visitation of the Right Reverend
Father in God, BARNABIE (by
the Providence of God) Lord
Bishop of Carlisle.

In the yeare of our Lord God. 1632.
and of his Consecration the 4th.



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The Tenour of the Oath to be Mini-
stred to the Church-wardens and
Sworne-men.



O V, and euery of you, shall sweare
by Almighty God, that (all affection
and respect set aside) vpon due and
deliberate consideration of these
Articles giuen in charge; you shall
make a true, full and particular an-
swere in writing to the same Ar-
ticles, and euery of them, presenting
all, and singular offences, and offenders therein mentio-
ned: wherein you shall deale faithfully, and vprightly,
as before God, So helpe you God in Iesus Christ.



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**Articles to bee enquired of, by the
Church-wardens and Sworne-men
in the Visitation of the Lord Bishop
of Carlile. 1632.**

For the Clergie.

INprimis, Whether your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Minister bee a Preacher of Gods Word, and a maintainer and furtherer of the Religion now established by publique Authority within this Realme of England, or no.

2 Item, Whether he doe in his Sermons Lectures, and other exercises moue the people to ioyne with him in prayer for the Kings Maiesty, our gracious Quene Mary, &c. with aduotion of such stile and title as of right appertaines to his Maiestie: And whether any since the 25 of September 1605. haue refused, or willingly omitted, or neglected so to doe:

3 Item, Whether he bee a preacher lawfully admitted, and by what authority. And whether your Minister or Church-wardens haue since the time aforesayd, suffered any man to preach in your Church, but such as haue first shewed their Licences to preach, either from the Lord Archbishop of Yorke, or Bishop of the Diocese where he dwelleth, or one of the Vniuersities, vnder their Seale.

4 Item, Whether he be painefull & diligent in Preaching, as also in Catechizing the Youth of your Parish, on Sundais and Holy dayes: and how many Sermons hath your Parson, Vicar, or Minister, preached in his owne Church, within this yeare last past: and if he be not a Preacher, how many Sermons by his procurement, or otherwise, hath there beene preached this last yeare and by whom:

5 Item, Whether any Lectures be read, or exercised within your Parish, either publicly in the Church, or privately in any house, by any not licensed therunto by the Archbishop, or by the one of the Universities, or being licensed, do refuse to conform themselves to the Lawes, Ordinances, & Rites Ecclesiasticall, established in the Church of England, and whether any such do reading, or exercising, do teach or professe any doctrine of Innovation, not agreeing to the Ordinances of the Church of England, as Bapistry, Brownisme, Puritanisme, or any other heresie or Schismaticall Error whereby themselves or others may be drawn from their due obedience in causes Ecclesiasticall.

6 Item, Whether your Minister not being a Preacher doe every Sunday when there is no Sermon, reade some part of the Homilies set forth and appointed by publique authority.

7 Item, Whether your Common prayer be read by your Minister in your church or chappel, distinctly & reverently vpon all Sundays holl daies, & other daies, as is prescribed in or by the Booke of Common prayer, without any innovation or omission, & at one & convenient houres: and whether in like sort the Sacraments be currently ministred as in and by the same Booke is appointed.

8 Item, Whether doth your Minister usually weare the Surplice whilest he is saying the publique Prayers, & ministring the Sacraments: And if he be a Graduat, whether doth he also vpon his Surplesse weare such a hood as is agreeable to his degree and such decent apparel as by the late Constitutions are appointed.

9 Item, Whether doth your Minister in the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme, vse the signe of the Crosse, according to the Booke of Common Prayer: And whether he hath refused or refused to Baptize any Infant, bring in danger of death having notice of the weakenesse thereof: and whether by his default hath any dyed without Baptisme.

10 Item, Whether hath your parson vicar, or curate, admitted any to the holy Communion, or to be Godfather, or godmother at Baptisme, being a person excommunicate, any known or notorious offenders, any not instructed in the principles of religion, or any to the communion, which they were not of your parish. And whether hath he so often & at such times administered the same as every parishioner may receive the same at the least every yeare thrice, wherof once at Easter, as by the common prayer booke is appointed

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11. Whether hath he churched any woman after the birth of her
child begotte in Incest, adultery, fornication, or married any wo-
man so begotte with child without publick confession of their faults
at their churching or marriages in the presence of the congregation
upon some sabbath or festival day at morning prayer time, leaving
their further punishment to the ordinary, or other competent Judg.
12. Item, Whether hath your parson, vicar, curate, or minister
since the 25 of September, 1605, celebrated matrimony without
licence granted by such as have Episcopal Authority, except the
banes of matrimony were formerly published three severall Sun-
daies or Holy dayes in the time of divine Service in the parish
Church or Chappell where the said parties then dwelt, and at
any other time then between the houres of 8 and 12 of the clock
in the fore-noone, or in any other place, then in the Church or
Chappell, where one of the parties dwelt. And whether with-
out consent of Parents or other Governours.

13. Item, Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, or curate more be-
nefices or Ecclesiastical promotions then one and what be their
names, and where he is most relevant. And if he have more then
one, how is he qualified and dispensed withall to hold and enjoy
the same. And how doth he supply his absence, whether by a Cu-
rate or Minister licensed to Preach or not. And if he be, then by
whom is he licensed. And what distribution doeth hee make
thereby to the poore, where he is not resident.

14. Item, Whether doth your minister or curate serve any more
Cures then one: and if so, then what other cure doth he serve.

15. Item, Whether doth your parson, vicar, or curate according to
an act of Parliament, in that behalfe made, call upon & require the
people of his parish to solemnize and keep holy the 5 day of Re-
memb. & that day do come to the Church, & joine in prayers and
thanksgiving for the happy deliverance of his Majesty, Prince
and States of Parliament from the most traitorous and bloody
intended massacre by Gunpowder, and whether doe the people
of your Parish accordingly repair to the Church, or doe any
refuse or neglect to do so, & present their names and surnames.

16. Item, Whether doth he carefully visite the sicke of his pa-
rish by exhorting and ministring unto them, as by the Word of
Common prayer is appointed. And whether doth he attend the
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buriall of the dead by meeting the Corps at the Church-doe,
and so accompany the same to the Church or Chape, saying or
singing such places of Scriptures as are appointed by the sayd
Bke.

27 Item, Whether is your Minister suspected or defamed to
haue obtained his Benefice by Simonie, or reputed to be an in-
continent person, or keepeth any Woman in his house sus-
pected of incontinencie, or to be a common Drunkard, or a com-
mon gamester, or player at Dice, or common Whorer, or doth
keepe any Alehouse in his Parsonage, or Vicarage house, or
faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiastical censures,
whereby he is offensive to his Ministry and calling?

18 Item, Whether your Minister, Church-wardens and o-
thers, for the retaining of the circuit of your Parish by peram-
bulation, as hath bene prescribed, doe vse the same without
superstition, or Popish Ceremonie.

19 Item, Whether doth your Parson or Vicar maintaine
and keepe in due reparations the Parson-houses and other E-
difices belonging to their Ecclesiastical Livings without suf-
fering them to fall into ruine and decay?

20 Item, Whether doth your Minister every Sunday, ac-
cording to the Booke of Common Prayer make knowne to the
people what Holydaies and Fasting dayes are in the weeke
following.

21 Item, Whether your Minister being a Preacher, offer
quiet and temperate conference to Popish Recusants: and en-
deavour diligently to reclaim them from their errors: and whe-
ther they or any of them refuse such conference offered vnto
them by your sayd Minister, or other Preacher, and what bee
their names and surnames?

22 Item, Whether the Chancellour, for any composition, a-
greement or payment of any summe of money, haue suppressed
and concealed the Excommunication, or other Ecclesiastical
censure, of, or against any Popish Recusant or offender: and
what summe of money, or other consideration hath bene pro-
mised or receiued in that behalfe (to your knowledge) or as you
haue heard reported.

23 Item, Whether doeth your Minister every halfe yere
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once, denounce in your Parish, all such Parishioners as doe remaine excommunicate and seeke not to be absolved : and how long haue any excommunicate person continued vnder the censure thereof, & admitted into the Church without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary, or his Chancellour.

24 Item, whether hath your Minister publicquely in your Parish Church or Chappell, once euery yeare, reade ouer the Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiasticall agreed vpon by the Clergie of both Provinces, Anno. 1603. according to his Pastories commandement.

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25 Item, whether you haue in your parish Church, or chapel all things necessary and requisite for common Prayer & administration of the Sacraments, as the Book of common Prayer with the new Kalendar, The English Bible of the new Translation in the largest Volume, two Psalters, two Bookes of Homilies, a decent Baptistry or Font, a Table of the Ten Commandements, a conuenient seate for the Minister to sit in, a comely and decent Pulpit with cloth and cushion for the same, a comely Communion Table, with a faire linnen Cloth to lay vpon the same, and some Couering of Silke, Buckram, or other such like, for the cleane keeping thereof, a faire and comely Communion Cup of Silver, with a silver couer, such as may serue for Ministration of the Holy Communion, a decent large Surplesse with sleeves, a chest or boxe for the pce : and the said Booke of Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiasticall.

26 Item, whether the body of your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell, be well and sufficiently repayzed, and kept without profanation or abuse any way : and if decayed or profaned, through whose default : and whether your Bells and Stals in the same be well maintained, your Church-yard well walled or fenced, and decently kept, and if the same in any part be decayed, through whose default.

27 Item, whether the Baptistry or Font be remoued from
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the small place; or whether any persons leaving the use thereof doe baptize Childzen in basons or other vessels not used within the Church: or whether any childzen be baptized or Chrystened in private houses, otherwise then in cases of necessity, and by a lawfull Minister: and if yea, then whose Childzen were they, and by whom were they baptized. And whether such so baptized, were afterwards brought to the Church for further manifestation and approbation hereof, according to the Use of Common Prayer.

29 Item, Whether are there any person or persons inhabiting or sojourning within your parish or Chappellrie that be notorious Recusants, or which negligently or seldome come to your Church or Chappell, upon Sabbaths or Festivall dayes both at morning and evening prayer and who be they, & what bee their names and surnames, and how long they have so continued, and of what estate, age, condition or degree they are of, and whether there be any within your sayd parish or Chapelry above the age of fiftene yeres, which doe not yereely communicate thysie at the least, wh reof once at Easter and who be they.

30 Item, Whether are there any resident within our parish, who have bene convicted of Recusancie, which have conformed themselves, and not received the Sacrament of the Lords Supper within one whole yere after the conformitie, and for how many yeres have they not received the same, and what be their names and surnames.

31 Item, Whether are there within your parish any Popish Recusants, of bold, insolent, and offensive behaviour, which presume to seduce and withdraw others either in their owne families or else where, from the true Religion now established, or from due obedience from his Majestie, or which make speciall choise of Recusants to be their servants.

32 Item, Whether doe your Minister, Church-wardens, Questmen and Assistants yereely within forty dayes after Easter, exhibite to the Bishop or his Chancelor according to the 112. Canon, the names and surnames of all the Parishoners, as well men as women, which being at the age of fiftene yeres received not the Communion at Easter before,

33 Item, Whether the Parson of your parish do diligently re-
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paire to your Church or Chappell vpon Sabbaths . and Holy daies to be Catechised. And if not in whose default. Canon 59.

34 Item, Whether any doe goe out of the Church or Chappell, or doe vse talking walking, or sleepeing or any other vnlawfully offences, or other vnreruent behauiour in the time of publike prayer, preaching, celebration of the Sacraments, or Catechising and who are they.

35 Item, Whether there be any which priuately or publike, by speech or otherwise depaue any part of the true Religion established within this Realme, or the Ministers or Professours thereof: or whether any Lectures, Conuenticles or priuate exercises be read or vsed within your parish, either in the Church, or in any house. And whether any such Reader doe teach any doctrine of Innoceution, to withold the people from their due obedience to the Ordinances of the Church set forth by publike authority or cause them to forbear to participate in prayer, or Sacrament with our Church.

36 Item, Whether haue you any Scholemaster who teacheth either publikely or priuately within your layd parish or Chappellrie, not being lawfully licenced therunto by the Bishop by writing vnder seale, and how long hath he there taught.

37 Item, Whether any within your parish or Chappellrie doe suffer any to eate, drinke, play, iangle or talke in their house or yard: Or any Butcher or Tradesman their shop/windows to be kept open to sell meate, drinke or wares on Sundayes in time of morning and euening prayers, Sermons Lectures, or Catechising: or any that labour or worke on the Sabbaths or other commanded festiual dayes to the hinderance of prayers, Sermons, or other godly exercises.

38 Item, Whether any within your Parish, do chide bawle quarrell or fight within your Church or churchyard, what are their names and surnames, and who be the same, and whether any of them hath or alone any weapon there, with purpose to strike with the same.

39 Item, Whether are there within your layd Parish or Chappellrie any rush-bearing, Full baitings, Beare-baitings, May-games, May-dances, Par-ties-offerings, ales, or any such like prophane pastimes or assemblies on the Sabbath.

40 Item, Whether be there any within your Parish or Chappellrie, that vse to ring the Bells superstitiously vpon any abrogated Holy dayes or the Euenes thereof: And whether is the Passing Bell tolled when any Christian body is sicke and like to dye as it ought to bee: After the death of any, whether there be any superstitious ringing, superstitious burning of candles ouer the Cozle in the day time, after it bee light: Or praying for the dead at Crosse or places where Crosse haue bene in the way to Church, or any other superstitious vse of Crosse, with Towels, Palmes, Petwindees, or other memorizies of Idolatry at Burtals, or superstitiously doe goe on Pilgrimages, or any place dedicated to our Lady, or any Saints or otherwise.

41 Item, Whether are you prouided of a Parchment booke, in which haue bene and are written the names of all children men, and women Baptised, Married, or Buried within your Parish contained in your former Register Booke, and since the beginning of the late Quene Elizabeth. And whether the day and yeare of euery christning, wedding, and buriall which haue bene in your Parish hath bene duely written in that booke: and whether you haue a sure Coffer with three locks and keyes for the safe custody thereof.

42 Item, Whether is there placed by your Register, two Tables containing the seuerall rates and summes of all fees due to the Iudge and other Officers of your Court, one in the usual place or Consistory where the Court is kept, and the other in his Registry, in such sort as euery man may come to view the same without difficulty: and whether your Chancellor, or Register doe exact, or extort any greater fees or summes of money, then in the sayd Tables are contained, and if so, let the same be expressed.

43 Item, Whether are there, or haue bene, since his Maiesties most happy reigne ouer this Kingdome, within your Parish or Chappelry, any incestuous persons, adulterers, or fornicators: any vsurers, drunkards, swearers, or any other, who are vehemently suspected or defamed of any such crime, and who be they?

44 Item, Whether within your Parish or Chappelry are there

there, or haue bene since his Matesties so happie Reigne, any person hauing two Wines, or any woman two Husbonds, or any married within the Degrees forbidden, or without Wanes thzee seuerall Sundayes or Holy dayes first published, or in the time by Law prohibited, without lawfull Licence therunto by such as haue Episcopall Authority, or any who had carnal knowledge to ether befoze their Marriage, or that are vehemently suspected thereof, and who they be?

45 Item, Whether they haue beene priuately married together within your parish, by any unknowne Priest or Minister, or any who haue not procured their children to be publicly baptized in your sayd Church or Chappell, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, and who they be?

46 Item, Whether any within your Parish or Chappell haue harbored any women begotten with child forth of lawfull Matrimony, & haue suffered them to depart away unpunished: Or any who doe harbour or releue any obstinate Recusants or excommunicated persons, and what and how many Recusants or persons excommunicated be there within your said Parish or chappell, and how long haue they so remained, and for what causes they were so excommunicated?

47 Item, Whether any of your Parish doe refuse to contribute towards the reparations of your Church or Chappel, or towards the prouision of any necessary ornaments therein, or that refuse to pay your Curate or Parish Clarke his wages, or other vsuall duties, and who they be?

48 Item, Whether the Church wardens and Sidemen be chosen according to the 80. and 90. Canon: and during their time haue faithfully and dutifully discharged their office, and at or befoze their going out of the same made a iust account of their receipts and proceedings to the vse of the Church: and whether any part of your Church Stocke, or any other thing giuen to any goodly publike vse, be deliuered to any, or otherwise employed, then appertaineth?

49 Item, Whether your Parish-clerke bee dutifull and diligent in attending the Minister, and of sufficiency to discharge his place or not?

50 Item, Whether any within your Parish or Chappell

do occupie or intermedle with the goods or cattels of any deceased person whatsoever, whose Will, if any such be is not lawfully approued, or being Intestate, the administration thereof not lawfully granted, and who they be.

51 Item, Whether the Chancelloz afoz sayd hath granted any admission for Curates, licences for Scholmasters or parish Clerks requestrations of vacant Benefices by his supposed authority, and how many, and to whom, and what be their names.

52 Item, Whether hath the said Chancelloz commuted any corpozall punishment for any sum of money, and what be their names whose punishment hath bin commuted, for what offence by whom and for what summe of money, and how hath the sayd money bene employed?

53 Item, Whether the Register or his Deputie or Deputies, or any of them hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or sin, or for the avoiding of punishment of the Offendours: And what offendours within your parish have escaped unpunished, that were lawfully presented to the Ecclesiastical Court and by whose meanes: And what summes of money haue they or any of them taken or receiued for paring such offendours: And doth he or any of them take any fees not accustomed?

54 Item Whether hath there bin any Licences for Marriages granted to any within your Parish without the privity of the Ordinary, his Chancelor or the Chancellozs Deputy or otherwise contrary to the Canons and Constitutions in that behalf provided, and what Licences haue been so made, and by whom. And whether is the Register and his Deputy careful in keeping and preserving the Records committed to his charge?

55 And lastly, Whether is there within your said Parish or Chappelty any offendours or offendours in any other crime against the sayd Canons and Constitutions, and other Lawes Ecclesiastical not expredely contained in any of these articles, whose reformation may be had by Ecclesiastical authority, and who, and what the same are?



THese Articles shalbe sent to every Church and Chappelry, thirteene daies at the least before the Bishops Visitation, to the end the same bee publikely read by the Minister, or Curate, to the whole Parish or Chapelry, and that the Churchwardens may haue sufficient time to make their answer to every Article, and the same in writing at time of the Visitation.

